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Letter dated 7 April 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text in English and French of a statement on Suriname issued by the European Community and its member States on 5 April 1993 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 115 (b) of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on Suriname issued on 5 April 1993 by the European Community and its member States

The European Community and its member States are seriously concerned at recent developments in Suriname in connection with the appointment by the Surinamese Government of a new commander of the armed forces. They reiterate their full support for the President of the Republic of Suriname, Mr. R. R. Venetiaan, and his Government and recall that subordination of the armed forces to civil authority is of prime importance for the strengthening and consolidation of democracy and the rule of law.

The European Community and its member States strongly urge all those concerned fully to respect those principles. Any infringement of those principles could not but have negative consequences for cooperation between the European Community and Suriname.